

HQT Licensure & Content Knowledge Requirements for Title I Reading and Math Assignments

Teachers providing K-12 instruction in core academic areas, as defined by the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), must meet Highly Qualified Teacher (HQT) licensure and content knowledge requirements pertaining to their assignment. NCLB defines core academic areas as: English language arts (including ESL), math, science, social studies, reading, foreign languages, art, music, and the generalist endorsement areas of elementary education and early childhood education (grades K-3 only).

This chart describes the HQT licensure and content knowledge requirements for teachers of Title I reading and/or Title I math services or classes. Classroom teachers, special educators, and alternative program educators should use the HQT licensure and content knowledge requirements chart appropriate to their assignment (see the "Appropriate HQT Requirements for Assignment" table at the end of this document).

To be HQT for a Title I reading and/or math assignment, an educator must carry one of the endorsements considered appropriate to the assignment AND must meet the corresponding HQT content knowledge requirements for the subject(s) taught (please see the licensure and content knowledge requirements chart below). **The instructional levels of the endorsement used must encompass the grade(s) taught in order to be appropriate for the assignment.**

When counting credits, both college coursework and professional development in the academic content area may be counted toward HQT requirements. For a college course to be counted, a grade of "C-" or higher must be earned. 15 hours of professional development are considered to be the equivalent of one credit. Up to three credits or equivalent credits in content area pedagogy may be counted toward the minimum HQT credit requirements for classroom teachers.

More information about HQT and Vermont's Praxis II testing requirements is available online at education.vermont.gov under Educator Licensing. For questions regarding HQT, contact the Office of Professional Standards at (802) 828-1455 or DOE-HQT@state.vt.us.

HQT LICENSURE & CONTENT KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS FOR TITLE I READING AND MATH ASSIGNMENTS		
Highest Grade Level Taught	Appropriate Endorsements ¹	HQT Content Knowledge Requirements for the Core Area Taught
K-6	<p>Early Childhood Education (0-36) <u>grades K-3 only</u>, OR</p> <p>Elementary Education (1-00), OR</p> <p>Middle Grades English or Math (4-19 A or 4-19 B) <u>grades 5-6 only</u>, OR</p> <p>Reading Specialist/Coordinator (76 or 78), OR</p> <p>Special Education (81, 82, 85, 86, 87, 67, 68)</p>	<p>Praxis II Elementary Education exam (test code 0014) meets the requirements for both Title I math and reading, OR</p> <p>A HOUSSE HQT determination² for a 1-00 Elementary Education or a 0-36 Early Childhood Education endorsement, OR</p> <p>12 credits in each area taught, OR</p> <p>Praxis II middle grades or secondary level exams in each area taught. Accepted Praxis II exams are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle Grades English (test code 0049) • Middle Grades Mathematics (test code 0069) • Secondary English (test code 0041 OR 0042) • Secondary Mathematics (test code 0061 OR 0063) <p>For a Special Education endorsement only, an educator can also meet the HQT content knowledge requirements by having 6 credits in English language arts/reading AND 6 credits in math</p>
7-9	<p>Middle Grades English or Math, (4-19 A or 4-19 B), OR</p> <p>Secondary English or Math (2-05 or 2-11), OR</p> <p>Reading Specialist/Coordinator (76 or 78), OR</p> <p>Special Education (81, 82, 85, 86, 87, 67, 68)</p>	<p>12 credits in each area taught, OR</p> <p>Praxis II middle grades or secondary level exams in each area taught. Accepted Praxis II exams are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle Grades English (test code 0049) • Middle Grades Mathematics (test code 0069) • Secondary English (test code 0041 OR 0042) • Secondary Mathematics (test code 0061 OR 0063)

¹ Any endorsement listed is appropriate for both Title I math and Title I reading assignments as long as the instructional level of the endorsement encompasses the instructional level of the grade(s) taught.

² HQT determinations for 1-00 and 0-36 endorsements using the HOUSSE method will state “HQT requirements have been met through a record of 3 credits each in English/ language arts, math, science and social studies.” See the *Vermont HOUSSE for Experienced Educators* chart for more information.

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Highest Grade Level Taught	Appropriate Endorsements¹	HQT Content Knowledge Requirements for the Core Area Taught
10-12	Secondary English or Math (2-05 or 2-11), OR Reading Specialist/Coordinator (76 or 78), OR Special Education (81, 82, 85, 86, 87, 67, 68)	15 credits in each area taught, OR Praxis II secondary level exams in each area taught. Accepted Praxis II exams are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary English (test code 0041 OR 0042) • Secondary Mathematics (test code 0061 OR 0063)

**TABLE 1
APPROPRIATE HQT REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSIGNMENT**

Use the HQT licensure and content knowledge requirements chart that most closely corresponds to the teaching assignment(s). All HQT licensure and content knowledge requirements charts are available online at education.vermont.gov under Educator Licensing.

Type of Teaching Assignment	Corresponding HQT Requirements Chart
Classroom*	<i>HQT Licensure & Content Knowledge Requirements for <u>Classroom Teacher</u> Assignments</i>
Special Education (primary instruction only)	<i>HQT Licensure & Content Knowledge Requirements for <u>Special Educator</u> Assignments</i>
Alternative Program (core area instruction only)	<i>HQT Licensure & Content Knowledge Requirements for <u>Alternative Program Teacher</u> Assignments</i>
Title I Reading and Math	<i>HQT Licensure & Content Knowledge Requirements for <u>Title I Reading and Math</u> Assignments</i>

*Note: "Regular" classroom teachers of core academic areas who became licensed in Vermont and acquired the endorsement being reviewed prior to July 1, 2006 and have 12 or more months of professional experience as an educator OR who receive a "Level II" endorsement from the Licensing Office under the terms of the NASDTEC interstate reciprocity agreement may use the HQT requirements listed in the *Vermont HOUSSE for Experienced Educators* chart.